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SUBJECT: TOGO FAMILY HEALTH TRAINING

REF: (A) STATE 031452, (B) LOME 155, (C) 75 LOME 2809,
(D) 75 STATE 250505

1. EMBASSY REGRETS REF (A) NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. AS POST HAD
LEARNED ALREADY, SUBJECT PROJECT NOT BEING CARRIED IN FY 76
OR FY 77 BUDGETS. WE WELCOME ADDITIONAL STATEMENT "THIS STATE
OF AFFAIRS BY NO MEANS RULES OUT INITIATION OF PROJECT IN FY
76 OR 77" AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS.

2. SUGGESTION IN REF (A) THAT MISSION NOT RAISE UNJUSTIFIED HOPES
AMONG GOT OFFICIALS IS ACADEMIC AT THIS STAGE. PLAN MINISTER DOGO
HAS NOW REPLIED (LETTER RECEIVED FEBRUARY 6) TO CHARGE'S LETTER
OF NOVEMBER 18 TRANSMITTING COPY OF PROJECT DESIGN AND REQUESTING
DEFINITION OF GOT'S PRIORITIES FOR PREVENTIVE, AS OPPOSED TO
CURATIVE, MEDICINE AND REQUESTING REPORT ON RESULTS OF TOGO'S
SEARCH FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DONORS (REF (C),
PARA 1). CHARGE'S ACTION TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO REF (D) OF OCTOBER
21, 1975, WHICH WAS FIRST EMBASSY HAD LEARNED OF AID/W'S INSIS-
TENCE ON REDIRECTION OF TOGOLESE HEALTH POLICY TO BUILD PREVEN-
TIVE SERVICES.

3. MINISTER DOGO'S LETTER STATES THAT "HEALTH POLICY OF OUR GOV-
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ERNMENT HAS ALWAYS ACCORDED FIRST PRIORITY TO PREVENTIVE

MEDICINE; THIS WAS CLEARLY INDICATED IN FIRST TWO DEVELOPMENT PLANS WHICH HAVE JUST EXPIRED; THIRD PLAN SOON TO BE RELEASED STRENGTHENS THIS POLICY.... I DO ASSURE YOU THAT PROJECT AT HAND GREATLY INTERESTS OUR GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS READY TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES TO REALIZE PROJECT." DOGO THEN ASKS WHAT MAGNITUDE OF FUNDS USAID IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE AND ASSURES US THAT, IF THESE FUNDS AND THOSE TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY GOT ARE INSUFFICIENT, GOT OF COURSE WILL APPROACH OTHER PROSPECTIVE DONORS. EMBASSY SUBMITS THIS IS CATEGORICAL AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER FROM HIGHEST APPROPRIATE GOT OFFICIAL TO AID'S CONCERN EXPRESSED PARA 2 REF (D).

4. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE ALREADY HAVE, THROUGH AID/OFF'S OWN EFFORTS, UNFPA COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT.

5. REF (B) DESCRIBES STILL FURTHER INITIATIVES TAKEN WITH GOT OFFICIALS.

6. MISSION INDED WISHES TO "INITIATE" PROJECT IN FY 76 OR FY 77 AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S MOST POSITIVE SUGGESTION FOR REPLY TO MINISTER DOGO.
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